

House File 247 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to training and instruction of inmates for
2 personal betterment and self-improvement.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 904.517 Training and instruction
2 of inmates.

1. An inmate sentenced to and confined in any institution under the jurisdiction of the department shall be allowed access to training and instruction in activities which promote personal betterment and self-improvement. Such training shall include, but not be limited to, meditation instruction, yoga instruction, and prayer coaching.

9 2. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
10 to administer this section.

11	EXPLANATION
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12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill relates to the training and instruction of inmates
15 for personal betterment and self-improvement.

16 The bill provides that an inmate sentenced to and confined in
17 any institution under the jurisdiction of the department shall
18 be allowed access to training and instruction in activities
19 which promote personal betterment and self-improvement. Such
20 training must include, but will not be limited to, meditation
21 instruction, yoga instruction, and prayer coaching.

22 The bill provides that the Iowa department of corrections
23 shall adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A (Iowa
24 administrative procedure Act) to administer the bill.